

Sophie Bjork-James

Assistant Professor of the Practice in Anthropology at Vanderbilt University

Nashville, TN, US

Expert on the U.S.-based religious right and the white nationalist movement, particularly online communities.

Biography

Sophie Bjork-James has engaged in long-term research on both the U.S.-based Religious Right and the white nationalist movement. She is working on a book manuscript which explores the importance of the family in the white evangelical tradition. Her work has appeared on the NBC Nightly News, NPR's All Things Considered, BBC Radio 4's Today, and in the New York Times.

Areas of Expertise

Conservative Christianity, Religion, White Nationalism, Reproductive Politics, Race and Racism, Evangelicalism, Hate Crimes, Feminism & Gender Studies, Racism

Selected Event Appearances

The Alt-Right and the Legacy of Racism in the US
Outside the Box Series

Gender and nation in US Evangelicalism
Religious Studies Colloquium

Understanding the Alt-Right
Government Accountability Office

The Alt-Right in US History
The Poynter Smart Conference

Where do we go from here? Racism, Populism, Fascism and the Future of the Hard Right
Center for Place, Culture, and Politics

Education

City University of New York
Ph.D. Anthropology

University of Toronto
M.Ed. Sociology and Equity Studies in Education

Western Washington University
B.A. Race, Class, and Environmental Politics

Accomplishments

Jack Shand Research Award
2015-2017, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Wenner-Gren Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Award
2010

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